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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 905

[Docket No. FV95-905-1]

Referendum Order for Marketing Order No. 905 Covering Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Referendum order.

SUMMARY: This document directs that a referendum be conducted among eligible producers of Florida citrus fruit to determine whether they favor continuance of the marketing order regulating the handling of oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, and tangelos grown in the production area.

DATES: The referendum will be conducted from October 1 through October 31, 1995. To vote in this referendum, growers must have been producing Florida citrus during the period August 31, 1994, through September 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the marketing order may be obtained from the office of the referendum agent at P.O. Box 276, Winter Haven, Florida, 33883-2276, or the Office of the Docket Clerk, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525-S, Washington, DC, 20090-6456; telephone (202) 720-5053.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Jamieson, Southeast Marketing Field Office, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Haven, Florida, 33881-2276; telephone: (813) 299-4770; or Britthany Beadle, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit & Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, room 2536-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, telephone: (202) 720-5127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Marketing Order No. 905 [7 CFR part 905], hereinafter referred to as the "order" and the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended [7 U.S.C. 601-674], hereinafter referred to as the "Act", it is hereby directed that a referendum be conducted to ascertain whether continuance of the order is favored by the producers. The referendum shall be conducted during the period October 1, through October 31, 1995, among Florida citrus producers in the production area. Only producers that were engaged in the production of Florida citrus during the period of August 31, 1994, through September 1, 1995, may participate in the continuance referendum.

The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that continuance referenda are an effective means for ascertaining whether producers favor continuation of marketing order programs. The Secretary would consider termination of the order if less than two-thirds of the producers voting in the referendum and producers of less than two-thirds of the volume of Florida citrus represented in the referendum favor continuance. In evaluating the merits of continuance versus termination, the Secretary will not only consider the results of the continuance referendum. The Secretary will also consider other relevant information concerning the operation of the order; the order's relative benefits and disadvantages to producers, handlers, and consumers; and whether continued operation of the order would tend to effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

In any event, section 8c(16)(B) of the Act requires the Secretary to terminate an order whenever the Secretary finds that a majority of all producers affected by the order favor termination, and such majority produced for market more than 50 percent of the commodity covered under such order.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 [44 U.S.C. chapter 35], the ballot materials used in the referendum herein ordered have been submitted to and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and have been assigned OMB No. 0581-0094 for Florida citrus. It has been estimated that it will take an average of 10 minutes for each of the approximately 11,970 producers of

Florida citrus to cast a ballot.

Participation is voluntary. Ballots postmarked after October 31, 1995 will not be included in the vote tabulation.

Doris Jamieson and Christian D. Nissen of the Southeast Marketing Field Office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, are hereby designated as the referendum agents of the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct such referendum. The procedure applicable to the referendum shall be the "Procedure for the Conduct of Referenda in Connection With Marketing Orders for Fruit, Vegetables, and Nuts Pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as Amended" [7 CFR Part 900.400 *et. seq.*]

Ballots will be mailed to all producers of record and may also be obtained from the referendum agents.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 905

Grapefruit, Marketing agreements, Oranges, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Tangerines, and Tangelos.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601-674.

Dated: April 13, 1995.

Patricia Jensen,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 308, 310, 318, 320, 325, 326, 327, and 381

[Docket No. 95-014N]

Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems—Notice of Scientific/Technical Conference

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will hold a scientific/technical conference, "An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria in Establishing Food Safety Performance Standards in Meat and Poultry Products," on May 18-19, 1995, at the Georgetown University Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, Washington, DC. The purpose of the conference is to explore scientific issues related to

microbiological criteria in establishing meat and poultry products safety performance standards.

DATES: May 18–19, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Georgetown University Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Brewer, Staff Officer, Epidemiology and Emergency Response Program, FSIS, USDA, (202) 205–0293.

To register to attend, call Ms. Becky LaQuay or Ms. Pat Baker at (202) 205–0293.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 3, 1995, FSIS published a proposed rule “Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems” (60 FR 6774). In that document, the Agency proposed a number of regulatory changes applicable to Federal- and State-inspected meat and poultry establishments. The proposed changes are designed to reduce the occurrence and numbers of pathogenic microorganisms in meat and poultry products, thereby reducing the incidence of foodborne illness associated with the consumption of these products.

In the proposed rule, FSIS stated that public meetings would be held with the regulated industry and interested parties to foster the development of beneficial new food safety technologies. Therefore, FSIS is holding a scientific/technical conference to explore the use of microbiological criteria for developing food safety performance standards for meat and poultry products.

The conference, “An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria in Establishing Food Safety Performance Standards in Meat and Poultry Products,” will be held on May 18–19, 1995, at the Georgetown University Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, Washington, DC 20057 (202) 687–3200. The conference will begin each day at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m.

Conference Agenda

The conference will consist of four sessions, as follows:

Session I: “Review of the Green Book, ‘An Evaluation of the Role of Microbiological Criteria for Foods and Food Ingredients’”

Several members who served on the Subcommittee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods and Food Ingredients will present papers reviewing the Green Book’s concepts and recommendations applicable to meat and poultry products.

Session II: “Current Food Safety Issues and Logic for Using Microbial-based Performance Standards”

Invited speakers will review current food safety issues, including emerging pathogens, and the logic for microbial-based standards (criteria or targets) as a verification of HACCP systems.

Session III: “Basis for Establishing Criteria for Food Safety Performance Standards”

Invited speakers will discuss the basis for setting criteria (i.e. public health-based standards versus technology-based standards) and data needs for developing meaningful performance standards, such as sentinel-site surveillance.

Session IV: “Synopsis of Conference Proceedings”

Panel members will summarize major issues and points of the proceedings. The public will be provided an opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

Dr. J. Glenn Morris, Jr., Director, Epidemiology and Emergency Response Program, FSIS will moderate and be joined by a panel consisting of: Dr. Douglas Archer, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, University of Florida; Dr. Robert Black, Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health; Dr. Sherwood Gorbach, Community Health and Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine; and Dr. Morris Potter, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Division Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases.

A report will be prepared that summarizes the conference’s processing. This report will include general conclusions on the use of microbiological criteria for developing food safety performance standards for meat and poultry products. The report and transcripts of the conference will be available in the FSIS Docket Clerk’s Office, Room 4352, South Agriculture Building, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Attendance and Hotel Reservations

Seating space at the conference is limited. Please call Ms. Becky LaQuay or Ms. Pat Baker if you wish to attend the conference (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). People attending the conference will be responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. A limited number of rooms are available at the Georgetown University Conference Center. To make reservations call 1–800–446–9476.

Done at Washington, DC, on: April 12, 1995.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 490

[Docket No. EE–RM–95–110]

RIN 1904–AA64

Alternative Fuel Transportation Program

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Correction to Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that was published Tuesday, February 28, 1995, 60 FR 10970, FR Doc. 95–4764. The notice of proposed rulemaking relates to the alternative fueled vehicle acquisition requirements for States and fuel providers that becomes effective by operation of law on September 1, 1995, when model year 1996 begins.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Katz, Program Manager, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE–33), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–6116.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Need for Correction

As published the notice of proposed rulemaking contains errors which may be misleading and are in need of clarification.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on February 28, 1995 of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which was the subject of FR Doc. 95–4764 is corrected as follows:

1. On page 10972, in the third column, first paragraph, delete the word “underscored” in the last sentence.

2. On page 10973, beginning in the second column, paragraph 4. is corrected to read as follows:

4. Reformulated gasoline. Although percentages can vary to a small degree, it is the Department’s understanding that reformulated gasoline is comprised